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SUBJECT: MALTA- LIBYA RELATIONS

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1. PAST WEEKEND BROUGHT MUCH FORM IF NOT SUBSTANCE TO MALTA-LIBYA RELATIONS.

2. CANCELLATION OF BRIEF MINTOFF VISIT LIBYA WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN LOCAL PRESS. ACCORDING REPORTS, HE HAD PLANNED MAKE FEW HOURS VISIT TO LIBYA ON SATURDAY, APRIL 21, AND ALTHOUGH MIZZI, CAMILLERI AND DALLI, WHO WERE TO ACCOMPANY HIM, WERE AT THE AIRPORT WITH A HIGH POWER FAREWELL COMMITTEE HEADED BY JUSTICE MINISTER BUTTIGIEG, NEITHER EXECUTIVE LIBYAN JET NOR MINTOFF ARRIVED. FAILURE OF MINTOFF TO SHOW CAN BE EXPLAINED BY FACT THAT HE LIVES ONLY MINUTES AWAY FROM AIRPORT. HE PROBABLY AWAITS WORD THAT AIRCRAFT READY TO DEPART BEFORE LEAVING HOME. WE CANNOT EXPLAIN FAILURE OF JET TO ARRIVE OR WHY

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OTHERS WERE NOT INFORMED.

3. PRESS ALSO CARRIED REPORTS OF RETURN ON SUNDAY OF CHIEF JUSTICE AND OTHER JUSTICES FROM LIBYA, AS WELL AS SUNDAY ARRIVAL OF FIVE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT GOM TURNED DOWN LARG REQUEST TO INCREASE LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES FLIGHTS BETWEEN MALTA AND TRIPOLI FROM TWO TO THREE WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FLIGHTS. PRESS SPECULATES THAT REASON FOR TURNDOWN WAS THAT AIR MALTA MIGHT LOSE MONEY ON ITS TWO WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO TRIPOLI IF LAA FLIGHTS INCREASED.
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